Appendix Table 7-23 Public confidence in institutional leaders, by type of institution: 1973–2014

(Percent)

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Year (number)	Military	Scientific community	Medicine	Education	U.S. Supreme Court	Organized religion	Major companies	Banks and financial institutions	Organized labor	Executive branch of the federal government	Television	Press	Congress	Mean a
2014 (<i>n</i> = 2,130)	49	41	37	23	20	17	16	13	11	10	9	7	5	20.3
2012 (<i>n</i> = 3,258)	53	41	40	25	27	19	16	11	12	14	9	8	6	22.4
2010 (<i>n</i> = 3,278)	52	40	41	26	30	18	12	10	11	16	11	9	10	23.0
2008 (<i>n</i> = 2,390)	48	38	40	28	29	20	16	20	11	10	9	8	10	22.3
2006 (<i>n</i> = 1,989)	47	41	40	28	33	24	18	30	12	16	9	10	12	24.1
2004 (<i>n</i> = 876)	58	42	38	28	31	23	19	29	13	22	10	9	15	25.5
2002 (<i>n</i> = 912)	56	37	37	26	36	19	17	22	12	27	9	10	14	25.0
2000 (<i>n</i> = 1,896)	40	41	44	27	32	28	28	29	13	14	10	10	13	25.0
1998 (<i>n</i> = 1,911)	36	40	45	27	31	27	26	26	11	13	10	9	10	23.8
1996 (<i>n</i> = 1,925)	39	40	45	23	28	25	24	24	11	10	11	11	7	22.8
1994 (<i>n</i> = 2,011)	37	39	42	26	31	25	26	18	11	11	10	10	8	23.0
1993 (n = 1,057)	41	37	40	22	30	23	21	14	8	11	12	11	7	21.8

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1991 (n = 1,017)	61	40	48	30	37	25	20	12	11	27	15	16	18	28.8
1990 (n = 899)	33	38	45	27	34	23	26	17	11	24	14	14	16	25.3
1989 (n = 1,035)	33	41	47	30	35	22	25	19	9	20	14	17	18	25.8
1988 (n = 997)	35	39	52	30	35	21	25	27	11	16	14	19	16	26.0
1987 (n = 1,819)	35	41	51	36	35	30	28	27	12	17	12	19	16	27.5
1986 (n = 1,470)	31	39	47	28	30	25	25	21	9	21	15	19	16	25.4
1984 (n = 989)	36	44	51	28	33	30	30	30	8	19	13	17	13	26.9
1983 (n = 1,599)	30	42	52	28	27	29	24	23	8	14	12	13	10	24.1
1982 (<i>n</i> = 1,860)	29	35	45	35	30	33	21	26	13	17	15	18	13	25.3
1980 (n = 1,468)	28	41	53	30	24	35	27	32	15	12	15	22	9	26.0
1978 (<i>n</i> = 1,532)	30	36	46	28	29	31	21	32	11	12	14	20	13	24.1
1977 (n = 1,530)	36	41	53	40	36	40	27	42	15	27	18	25	19	31.4
1976 (<i>n</i> = 1,499)	40	42	54	37	34	30	21	39	12	13	18	28	13	28.6
1975 (n = 1,490)	35	37	51	31	30	24	19	31	10	13	18	24	13	25.4



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1974 (n = 1,484)	39	45	61	49	33	45	31	NA	19	14	23	25	17	33.4
1973 (n = 1,504)	32	37	54	37	31	34	29	NA	15	29	18	23	23	30.1

NA = not available; question not asked.

^a Excludes banks and financial institutions.

NOTES:

Data represent respondents expressing "great deal of confidence" when asked As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say that you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them? Sample size is not exact for all institutions. Table includes all years for which data were collected.

University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (1973-2014).

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